(*b*) are the Government aware that there are no such signboards in many places in Nemmara Firka;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to enquire and remedy the defect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Vitnassery is the only important road in Nemmara Firka; and signboards have been fixed on this road near the Nemmara High School. There is a small aided primary school at Vitnassery where no signboards have been fixed as the Institution is an insignificant one. There are some schools on the sides of Olipara and Ayilur roads. Signboards have not been fixed there as the roads are unimportant. Signboards are to be fixed for schools adjacent to roads having an appreciable amount of motor car traffic.

(*c*) Boards will be fixed according to necessity and the importance of the roads or institutions concerned.

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PALLIPPURAM-VYPEEN ROAD—ROADS LEADING TO.

119. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether there are any public roads leading on to the Pallippuram-Vypeen road from the backwater, and if there are, how many such roads exist between Edavanakkad and Pallippuram?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: There are no such roads at present. The question of opening these branch roads is receiving the attention of the Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, Sir, when exactly the Government intend to take up the question of opening the road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: This question is being discussed now with the members of the Road Board and the question is under consideration.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know how many roads will be opened after the consideration is over?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice.

PALLIPPURAM-VYPEEN ROAD—EXPENDITURE ON.

120. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

how much money was spent during 1114 for the Vypeen-Pallippuram road?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Rs. 51 towards the survey charges for the proposed extension of the road; and Rs. 397 towards the maintenance of the road already opened.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what exactly the budget allotment for the year 1114 for the maintenance of public roads is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Rs. 1,000.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, why this work was not taken up earlier?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In fact I should not have answered the question at all. Money has been spent during 1114 which is not yet over. We have not expended all the money for which work has been done. We are constructing some culverts on the road for which final payments have not been made.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what is the length of the road which is being maintained by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* About 6 miles.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Which is the northernmost extremity?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Ayyampilli. We maintain only as far as Ayyampilli.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I take it that it is a mistake to call it Pallippuram-Vypeen road because it does not extend up to Pallippuram?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is the intention of the Government to extend the road from Vypeen to Pallippuram, but at present we have constructed the road only up to Narakkal and Ayyampilli. There are proposals to extend this road.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* So during the year 1114 the Government have not constructed the road beyond Ayyampilli on the Pallippuram side?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are the Government aware that this road is in such a bad condition that people cannot even walk?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Which portion?

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* The Vypeen-Pallippuram Road.

You have not even consolidated the road. Is it a fact?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The road has been consolidated, but in the case of the laterite metal, if there is no vehicular traffic, it gets frittered away. Every year we find that on account of the rains and water drooping from the trees etc., the roads where there is no vehicular traffic get into bad condition. I went along the road about 2 months ago and I did not find it in such a bad condition, as the member described it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I know cyclists cannot pass that way. I have seen cyclists taking the cycle by the side of the road and not in the middle of the road. For your information I say that.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I have seen many cyclists using that road. Probably he might have been talking with somebody and walking.

Standing Finance Committee—Election of Members.

Mr. President: I have to announce that Messrs. V. K. Bhaskara Menon, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar and B. M. Peter have been elected as members of the Standing Finance Committee.

Voting of Demands for Grants.—*(cont.)*

1. Land Revenue—Rs. 2,79,876.

Mr. President: The House will now take up voting on demands for grants.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* I rise to move for Rs. 2,79,876 under "I—Land Revenue". I do not think a speech is called for from me. I request that the House will be pleased to sanction this grant.

Cut Motion No. 1.

Remission of land tax.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 86,538 for Land Revenue Establishment by Re. 1. (The necessity of reducing the Land tax by 25 per cent as long as the present slump in prices lasts).*

Sir, this is a subject or a grievance which had been ventilated before this House almost every year, and I do not know whether any speech from me will convince the Government of the justice of the cause that I wish to represent before this House. When I stand

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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